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Letter dated 4 May 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, the statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of my country concerning the denunciation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 71 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Paraguay concerning the denunciation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The Government of the Republic of Paraguay expresses its concern at the decision of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to denounce the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the safeguards Agreement.

The position adopted by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea affects peace and security in the peninsula of Korea, a region which had moved towards its denuclearization and the signing of a non-proliferation treaty.

Moreover, this position is a clear violation of the safeguard principles in effect in the international community; accordingly, the Government of the Republic of Paraguay urges the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to reconsider its decision and to fulfil the commitments it undertook in signing the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Asunción, 26 March 1993